

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no \_\_\_\_\_

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: <u>  A  </u> <u><del>B</del></u> <u><del>C</del></u> <u>  D  </u>	Considerations: <u>  A  </u> <u>  B  </u> <u>  C  </u> <u>  D  </u> <u>  E  </u> <u>  F  </u> <u>  G  </u> <u>None</u>
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1154

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hereford United Methodist Church Parsonage  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 16929 York Road not for publication  
city, town Monkton vicinity  
county Baltimore

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hereford Methodist Church  
street and number 16929 York Road telephone  
city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-333  
city, town Towson liber folio

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☒ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hereford United Methodist Church building is a stone church with an irregular plan. The main block (nave) measures four bays by three bays and has a front-gable roof and square corner tower. The bracketed gable has a louvered ventilator and a patterned pressed metal infill and the corner tower has a gable portico with squared posts, narrow arched windows, a balustraded belfry and battlements. Windows in the church are arched with stained glass lights. The original church block was constructed in 1871 and additions between 1871 and 1909 have obscured its plan and fenestration. Additions to the church include an education wing and a wing attaching the church to the adjacent parsonage. The building exhibits an eclectic combination of late nineteenth century stylistic elements, including Romanesque windows and exposed masonry walls.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1871-1950	Architect
Construction dates	1871	Builder

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register      ☐ Maryland Register      ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

According to the MIHP form completed for this property in 1980, the parsonage was built in 1833-1834 and was transferred to the Methodist trustees in 1834 as "a place of residence for the Preacher or Preachers of the Gospel who are or may be heretofore be attached to the Methodist Episcopal Church." The building has been in continuous use as such since 1834. This property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. As a component of Hereford's oldest religious institution, the parsonage played an important role in the community's social history. The building retains much of its architectural integrity and is an outstanding example of vernacular masonry architecture.

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-1154

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.97 acre

Acreage of historical setting 0.97 acre

Quadrangle name Hereford, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, Parcel 333

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization URS/Dames & Moore, Inc.

date 09/07/2000

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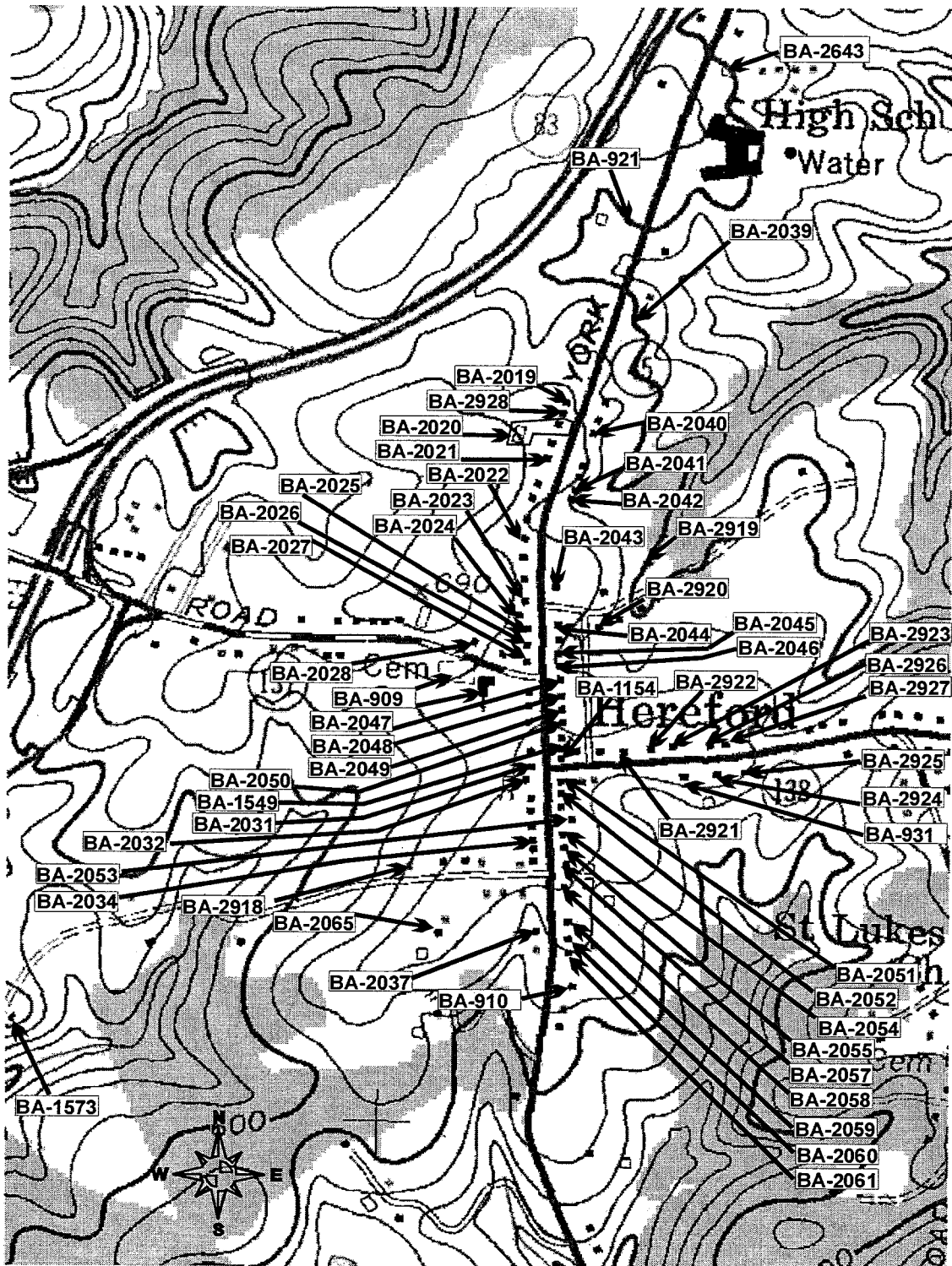
city or town Bethesda

state MD zipcode 20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032  
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BA-1154

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Hereford United Methodist Church Parsonage

16929 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Hereford United Methodist  
Church Parsonage, to the northeast.

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BA 1154

METHODIST PARSONAGE

1833-1834

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This solid, vernacular style, stone dwelling at one of Hereford's two street corners was built about 1833-34 to serve the preacher of the Great Falls Circuit, which included Hereford Methodist Church, then located a mile to the east. The house is L-shaped, three bays wide, and covered with a standing-seam tin-roof. At least one iron tie-rod was used in anchoring the side walls.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC METHODIST PARSONAGE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

16,929 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Hereford Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

16,929 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: GLB 3254:

Folio #: 510

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Methodist Parsonage is a plain and sturdy stone house of two stories plus attic, vernacular in style. The house is three bays across and faces west with its south facade only a few feet from Monkton Road. The front door is paneled, set in the southernmost bay producing a side-hall floor plan. The door is topped by a rectangular transom with one glass light. A full-width front porch runs across the main facade, its shed roof supported by four round posts and two recessed posts. The porch is two steps above grade, railed with turned balusters. The roof is sheathed with tin. The eave ends of the porch roof are filled in with fish-scale shingles. The windows facing the porch are double-hung sash windows of 2-over-2 format. Three windows open above the porch roof and are also 2-over-2 types.

There is a plain cornice across the front of the building.

The main block is two bays deep but north and south ends are of different fenestration. The south end has evenly spaced windows, two at each story level, two smaller gable-end windows in the attic. The windows on the first story which face the street are 9-over-6 in format, the second-story and attic windows are 6-over-6. On the north gable end, the two bays are set toward the rear of the house, two 9-over-6 windows at first-story level, two 6-over-6 windows at second-story level, and one attic window, 6-over-6 in the center of the gable. The windows at the ends of the house are topped by massive stone lintels. There is a brick inside end chimney rising toward the front of the house; the stump of its matching chimney can be seen as a brick vestige located under the eaves, toward the rear of the house (i.e., east of the attic windows).

The house is made L-shaped in floor plan by a low, 1-1/2 story gable-roofed, rear kitchen wing that is flush with the north wall of the main block. This wing is only one bay deep, with a gable roof of standing seam sheet metal. At the rear of this wing, a broad, stone chimney rises along the center axis and continues as a broad, brick chimney. One sash window opens through the rear wall of this wing at its upper-story level. The north wall was, until recent times, without fenestration, but the 1976 anniversary book states that a window to light the kitchen had been added not long before publication.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

The main roof is of standing seam tin, painted red. There are overhanging eaves and heavy eave returns. The house is built of uncoursed rubble, with quoined corners. The iron end piece of a tie bar can be seen along the centerline of the south end-wall just over the second-story windows.

The church history states that the house was built without closets, but one was added shortly before 1976. Living room and dining room were paneled with wood about the same time.

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1833-34

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Some local historians believe that the present parsonage in Hereford existed at the time the trustees took title to the 137-by-212-foot parcel at the northeast corner of York Road and Monkton Road, February 25, 1834. (1) The trustees paid Nicholas M. Bosley and wife \$62.27 for this ground that then bordered on "Nicholas Foster's lot." (2) A later reconveyance of the property stated that the original document was a deed of gift, but in conflict with the Bill of Rights then in force in Maryland. (3)

As to the age of the structure, it probably did not exist in 1823 when only three town lots could be found in the assessor's field book, nor is there a Bosley town lot with valuable improvements in the 1833 list. (4) Thus, it could be argued that the house was completed after the 1833 assessment and before the 1834 deed of gift. Logic might even demand that it was put up during the building season of 1833.

The deed to the trustees stated that the structure was:

to be used and occupied as a place of residence for the Preacher or Preachers of the Gospel who are or may heretofore be attached to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America and belonging to the Baltimore Conference and stationed for the time being upon the circuit now called and known by the name of the Great Falls Circuit. (5)

The trustees were Edward Gorsuch, Daniel Bosley, David Orrick, Charles B. Gorsuch, John Buck of Benjamin, John Reese, Benjamin Wheeler, William Tipton, and Thomas Littig. Few of the founders were owners of town lots. Provisions were made in the deed for the perpetual addition of new trustees.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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The official history of Hereford's sister church at Mount Carmel states that the parsonage was built after buying the land, the construction taking place in 1835. The Mount Carmel history explains that a confirmatory deed was needed because the first deed failed to include the words "Episcopal" in the title of the organization. The minute book that recorded the corrected deed in January 1845 stated that the property was in good repair and out of debt. (6)

In 1886, Anna L. Merryman, nee Gittings, executed a confirmatory deed to the trustees, to convey the property to the trustees free of any cloud caused by the lack of provision for gifts to church bodies in the old Maryland Bill of Rights. Mrs. Merryman was the sole heir of Nicholas M. and Eleanor A. Bosley. (7)

In 1957, the trustees conveyed the parsonage to the trustees of only one of the churches on the circuit, the Hereford Methodist Church. (8) The other churches of the circuit had in the meantime provided individual parsonages for their ministers.

## NOTES:

1. S.B. and C.E. Clemens, From Marble Hill to Maryland Line (Monkton, 1976), p. 32.
2. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 235:368.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 152:161.
4. Assessor's Field Books, Old District 5, 1823, 1833 (Hall of Records).
5. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 235:368.
6. Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, 1851-1976 (Parkton, Md., 1976), pp. 27-29.
7. B.C. Deeds JWS 152:161.
8. B.C. Deeds, GLB 3254:510.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

METHODIST PARSONAGE

Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, 1851-1976 (Parkton, Md., 1976), pp. 27-29.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.334

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

N1W 137 feet on York Road  
 N89-1/2E 212 feet  
 S1E 137 feet  
 S89-1/2W 212 feet on N/S of Monkton Road (Map 22, P333).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

April 24, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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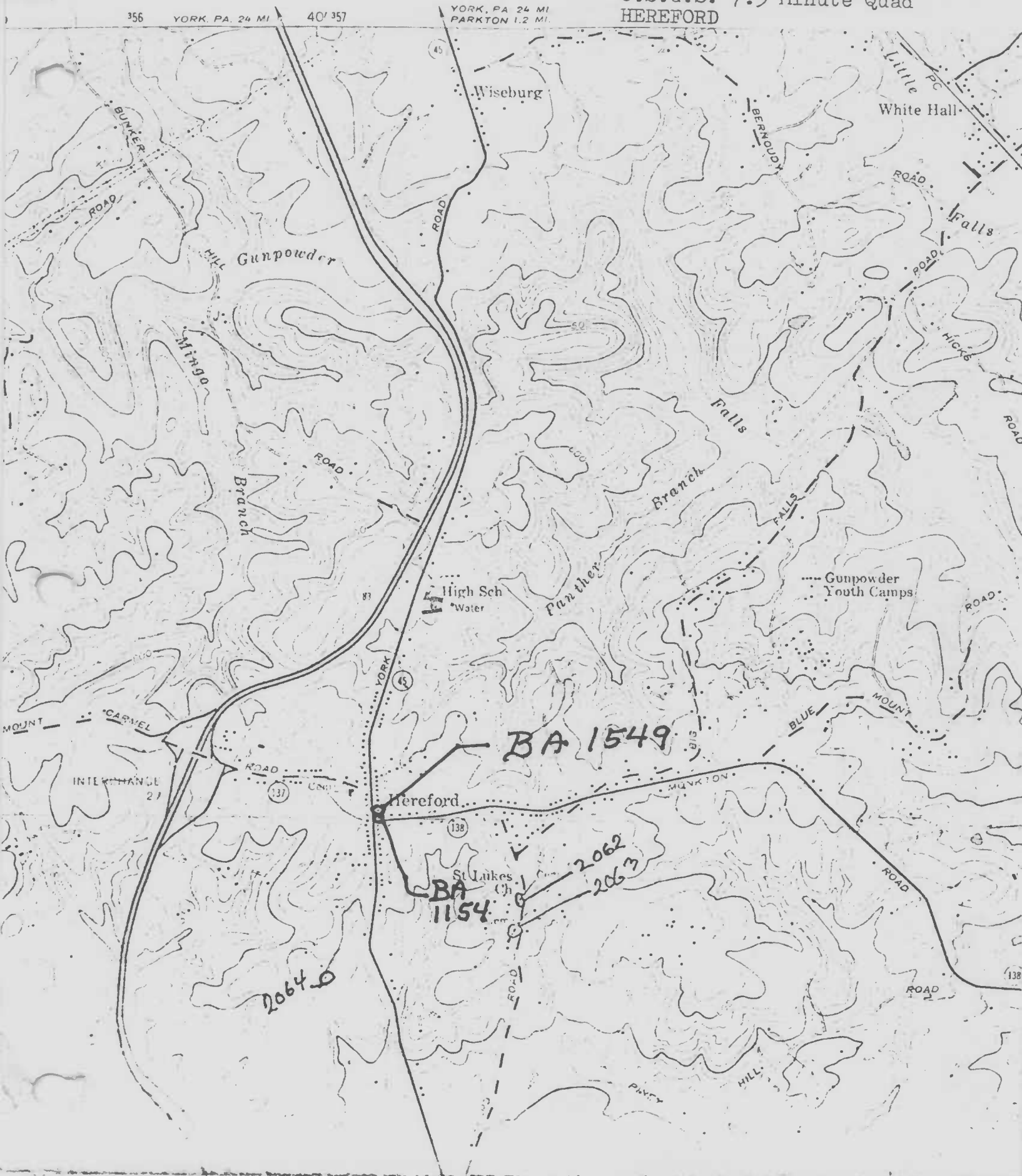
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METHODIST PARSONAGE BA 1154  
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD





METHODIST PARSONAGE BA 1154  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
North end & main (E) facade



METHODIST PARSONAGE      BA 1154  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
South end & main (W) facade



METHODIST PARSONAGE      BA 1454  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
South end gable